



GOLDEN ISLES
EMMAUS

July 2024 Newsletter



Dear Golden Isles Community –

My message this month is to encourage the community to attend the Town Hall meeting on Saturday, July 13th.

A poster for a Town Hall Meeting. At the top, a green banner with a white church icon says "Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Board is asking for your attendance at the upcoming". Below this, the main title "TOWN HALL MEETING TO DECIDE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY" is written in large white letters on a dark background. To the left, a calendar icon indicates "13 July, 2024 at 11 am". To the right, a location pin icon indicates "First United Methodist Church of Brunswick, 1400 Norwich St, Brunswick". A blue banner below the title says "PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, DISCUSSION". The poster is divided into three columns: "Time of Fellowship" (bring a dish to share), "Time of Prayer" (fasting and prayer, with two questions), and "Topic Of Discussion" (vote on whether to move forward or disestablish the community). A final green banner at the bottom states that attendance is important for sharing hearts with the Board and community.

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13 July, 2024
at 11 am

First United Methodist
Church of Brunswick
1400 Norwich St, Brunswick

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, DISCUSSION

Time of Fellowship

This will be a fellowship time so when we gather, we eat, please bring your favorite brunch dish to share.

Time of Prayer

Prior to the Townhall, we ask that you consider a time of fasting and prayer for our community. Consider these two questions from Walk Closing-

- What did your walk mean to you?
- What are you going to do about it?

Topic Of Discussion

Do we continue to move forward or do we disestablish our community?

After the Townhall meeting and fellowship, the Board will be meeting to hold a vote on the future of our community.

Your attendance at this Townhall meeting is vitally important for you to have the opportunity to share your heart for Emmaus with the Board and community.

I'm always looking for a message that resonates with me and I hope this does for you as well. For we are in a period of waiting which sometimes gets uncomfortable. By nature, we often want to fix things.

But we are here in this time and place as we wait upon the Lord, for His timing is perfect. God strengthens us during our time of waiting -

From the Leaf Chronicle by Bennie Robinson, October 2015:

As you are waiting on God to strengthen you, remember the words of the prophet Isaiah in Chapter 40, verse 31, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31 NKJV).

One of the important exhortations of the Bible is the call to "wait on the Lord." Even though God promises special blessings for those who wait, waiting is one of the most difficult exhortations of scripture.

Why is it so hard? Because, as a part of fallen humanity, we are so prone to take matters into our own hands and to follow our own schemes. Yet, over and over again we are told in scripture to "wait on the Lord."

We don't like to wait, and when we think of waiting, we are apt to respond with a pun: "Wait? That's what made the bridge collapse!" Of course, that's weight, not wait. But then, these two words, weight and wait, are not always unrelated, because one of our needs in waiting on the Lord is the need to cast the weighty burdens of life on Him.

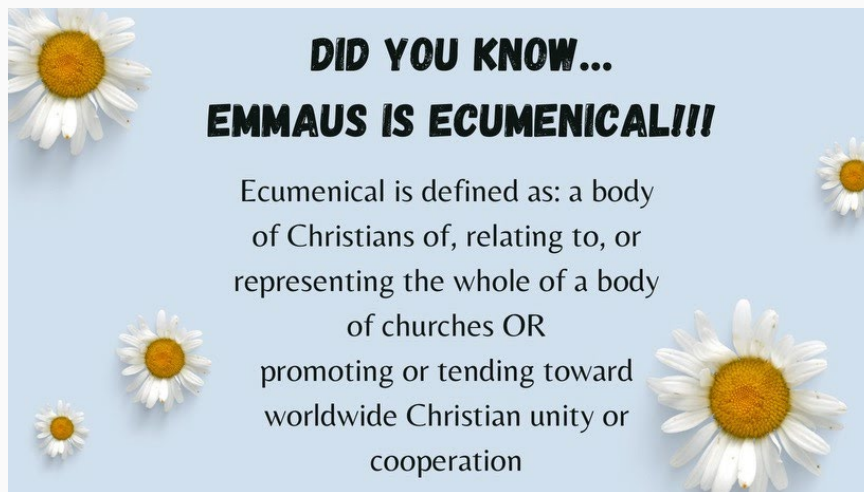
I once heard an illustration about how God strengthens us during times of waiting through trials. It went like this: Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to a high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it. The eagle does not escape the storm; it simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm.

When the storms of life come upon us, we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward God. The storms do not have to overcome us; God will strengthen us during our time of waiting. His power will lift us up above the dark clouds so we can ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment into our lives.

God continues to strengthen me and lift me up above my storms. He will do the same for you, in whatever storm you are dealing with. I just want to encourage everyone who reads this article that God is not asleep and He is not just standing on the sidelines observing. He is in the fight right there with you, lifting you up so you can soar above your storm.

Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them. So wait on the Lord and be of good courage. Wait, I say, on the Lord!

De Colores,
Anne Wojcik
Board Chair



DID YOU KNOW...
EMMAUS IS ECUMENICAL!!!

Ecumenical is defined as: a body of Christians of, relating to, or representing the whole of a body of churches OR promoting or tending toward worldwide Christian unity or cooperation



Freedom!

Yep. I put three e's in there on purpose. If you have seen Mel Gibson's Braveheart movie you can probably hear his voice emphasizing those e's.

Colossians 1:21-23 talks about the freedom we have in Christ Jesus: **21** Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. **22** But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— **23** if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Galatians 5:13-14 advises us about the proper use of that freedom: **13** You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **14**

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Many people are in bondage to sin. We know the path to freedom. Hopefully we live out that freedom in such a way that those who observe our behavior will want the freedom we have and will ask us how to get it. How amazingly precious is the conversation that provides hope to another!

I would like to remind you that as each of us does what Christ is counting on us to do and supports others in what Christ has called them to do, we can't help but become Better Together. How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1.

DeColores, Emmaus Family. I hope to see you all soon.

Trisa Chancey – Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #2 – Table of Mary



NEWS FROM YOUR 2024 MUSIC DIRECTOR

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Hi. Brian Vigue here, Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus Walk #3, Table of Matthew.

In the future, I would like to share the honor of leading worship to our community during our monthly gatherings. I am seeking volunteers that are willing to share the stage with me and assist me in leading our singing. I think it would be great to have different singers each month. I want to share that feeling of having God work through you to lead in worshipping our King. It truly is an amazing feeling.

Don't worry, if you are nervous, I am not asking for a solo performance. Everyone is singing so you don't need to be another Whitney Houston, Taylor Swift, or even Neil Diamond. I'll be right there by your side singing too. I just want to share that amazing feeling with others. If you are interested, please let me know.

Also, we are still in need of women musicians. As I stated before, I am happy to teach guitar playing so you can be ready to lead at monthly gatherings and walks. If you are interested and you have a guitar, please let me know.

If you have any questions or I can do anything for you, please contact me at bikerbrian@tds.net or 904-894-6753.

I look forward to serving with you in the future.... DeColores!

Brian

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

July 13, 2024 @ 11am
Town Hall Meeting

First United Methodist Church
1400 Norwich St
Brunswick, Ga 31525

August 02, 2024 @ 7pm

TBD

September 06, 2024 @ 7pm

TBD

If you would like to offer your church to host a Gathering in the future, or would be interested in sharing a Fourth Day testimony, please contact

Melissa Bender Moreno at mfbmoreno@gmail.com for more information regarding what is required of a host church.

If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at Community Gatherings or Walks, please contact

Brian Vigue at [904-894-6753](tel:904-894-6753) or bikerbrian@tds.net.



There have been a few people say that they would like to connect with a reunion group. I am working on getting people connected. If you are interested in going to a reunion group or help starting a new reunion group, please contact Connie Eastwood at giwtoreuniongroup@gmail.com

Please send me an email with days and times of availability.

Thank you!

Connie

Reunion Group Chair

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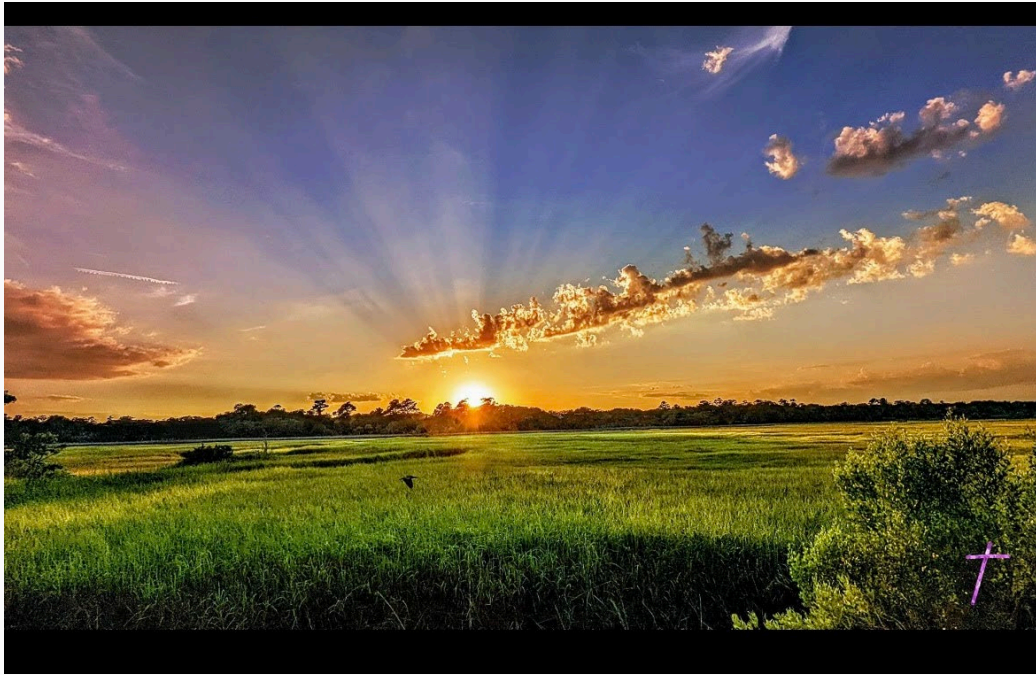
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